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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Safety Message

1. On January 15, 2007, this country will pay tribute to one of America's greatest leaders. Soldiers and civilians alike will honor Dr. King who devoted his life confronting social evils and that character, not color, is the means by which an individual should be judged. As we commemorate his legacy, we should rededicate ourselves to the principles that made this country great.
2. Common sense is encouraged while traveling over the long weekend. The primary causes of accidents are driving under the influence, fatigue, and speeding. Utilizing seat belts is the key factor in minimizing serious injury or death to those involved in an accident.
3. Weather conditions can be predicted but not controlled. Therefore, properly preparing for your trip can minimize many of its effects: Utilize rest areas, obey posted speed limits, and drive at speeds that fit road and weather conditions. Ensure the protection of children by following guidance regarding air bag and child restraint systems. Designated drivers should be utilized to ensure safe travel when taking trips outside of the home base area.
4. Commanders and supervisors working together can ensure that the JRTC and Fort Polk Soldiers, their families, and the civilian community will enjoy a safe holiday celebration. Safety initiative does work. Let's make this holiday a safe and memorable one.


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